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ATTORNEY GENERAL DARRELL MCGRAW AWARDS FUNDING TO THE CHARLESTON SALVATION ARMY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB FROM THE PHARMA, INC. SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Attorney General Darrell McGraw today announced the distribution of \$10,000 to the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club to fund its children's programs aimed at drug prevention. This money comes from the latest installment in the \$10,000,000 settlement with Purdue Pharma, Inc. over the addictive qualities of the drug Oxycontin. A total of \$90,000 in funding will be presented to Boys & Girls Clubs across the state.

The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Charleston will be using the \$10,000.00 given by the Attorney General's Office to establish the SMART Moves program. It is a nationally acclaimed comprehensive prevention program that helps young people resist alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, as well as premature sexual activity. SMART Moves features engaging, interactive, small-group activities that increase participants' peer support, enhance their life skills, build their resiliency and strengthen their leadership skills. This year-round program encourages collaborations among Club staff, youth, parents and representatives from other community organizations.

"It is an honor for my office to see the fruits of our labor go back to the citizens we serve by putting this funding into programs such as the Boys & Girls Club and therefore the community. We all have a contribution to make to civilization, and I know that we are all committed to that in our efforts."

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